

Matthew 15:21

by Chuck Smith

The sermon explores the profound impact of a mother's faith and prayer in challenging times, using the Canaanite woman as a key example.

Scripture: Matthew 15:21

Topics: "The Power of Prayer", "Faith"

Description

Chuck Smith delivers a heartfelt Mother's Day sermon based on Matthew 15:21, emphasizing the profound impact of a mother's prayer and faith. He recounts the story of a Canaanite woman who persistently sought Jesus' help for her demon-possessed daughter, illustrating the struggles and sacrifices mothers make for their children. Smith highlights the importance of unwavering faith in prayer, even in the face of silence and discouragement, and challenges mothers to be diligent in their spiritual responsibilities. He encourages mothers to reflect on their influence and the necessity of teaching their children about faith and prayer amidst a challenging cultural landscape.

Transcript

"MOTHER'S DAY SERMON"

Intro: "Mother do you really love your child?" "How much time do you spend in prayer for him?" "Have you become discouraged?"

I. JESUS CONTACT WITH THE WOMAN.

A. Place: Country around Tyre and Sidon.

B. The cry, "Have mercy on me. Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil."

C. The silence of Christ.

1. She had no claim to Him as the Son of David.

D. The disciples plea.

E. The words of Christ, "I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

F. The worship and second prayer, "Lord help me."

G Christ answer, "It is no right to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs."

1. "Little dogs."

H. The answer of faith.

I. The result of the prayer of faith, "Be it done unto thee as thou wilt."

J. Three times He refused her.

1. Silence hard to bear.

2. Words hard to hear.

II. THE INFLUENCE OF PRAYING MOTHERS.

A. The struggles of prayer.

1. The influence they have wielded.

2. The mountains they have moved.

3. Lithvanian word for mother means martyr.

a. The sacrifices they make for their children.

b. Spend themselves night and day.

c. They give their lives for their own.

1. Mothers broken in body and spirit. Maybe you know some personally. Every day they pray, "Lord help me, my son or daughter is grievously vexed."

4. There is under God no greater power over human life than that of a mother who prays for her children with unyielding faith.

B. How many mothers do we have today who pray like that?

1. World growing in crime, juvenile delinquency, spiritual illiteracy, indifference to Bible in our schools, ignorance of God's Word in colleges, lack of discipline in homes.

- a. What about these mothers, let their children roam at night, always on the go themselves.
- b. What about mothers who never pray for their children, or teach them to pray, or take them to church.
- c. What does it mean when mothers think they can break up their home without hurting their children, or without caring if it does.

III. TAKE A FEW LESSONS FROM THIS MOTHER OF CANAAN.

A. Harder today, growing paganism in materialistic culture.

- 1. This woman in purely pagan culture.
 - a. Greek, heathen, probably worshipped astarte.
 - b. If she could pray, no excuse for mothers today.

B. Children harder to handle.

- 1. So many influences, school, radio, TV, magazines.
- 2. But she said her child, "grievously vexed with the devil."
 - a. She only prayed harder because she knew Christ only one who could help her.

C. The persistence of her prayer.

- 1. Painful silence painful words.
- 2. Purpose, He was leading her to greater and higher expressions of her faith.
- 3. Perhaps you have quit before Jesus said, "O woman great is thy faith."
 - a. Why did you stop?

D. Effect of woman's faith on those around.

- 1. Philip Brooks on mother's grave: "O Woman Great is thy Faith" ("Do your children think of you like that?")

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